

### REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are pending in this application. The Specification has been amended to reference the priority claim to parent application no. 09/923,071, filed August 6, 2001, now pending, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. In addition, original claims 1-17 have been canceled, original claims 18-22 have been amended, and claims 23-34 have been added. Support for the new claims may be found in the Specification as follows:

<u>Claim(s)</u>	<u>Specification</u>
23	Page 6, lines 5-6
24-28	Page 9, lines 6-7; Page 2-20
29	Page 7, lines 30-31
30-32	Page 9, lines 6-7; Page 2-20
33-34	Page 7, lines 23-29

As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments at this time.

### CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any issues pertaining to the patentability of the pending claims.

A Fee Sheet Transmittal is submitted herewith to pay for the filing fee and recordation fee. No other fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0096A.

Respectfully submitted,  
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